IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.35 OF 2004

Amarainh J. Jadhavrao. .. Petitioner.

vs.

Union of India & Ors. .. Respondents.

None for Petitioner.

Mr. Rajendra Raghuvanshi, Additional Solicitor General with G. Hariharan & Ms. Rutuja Ambekar i/by shri H.D. Rathod for respondent nos. 1 & 2.

Mr. P.M. Patil, AGP., for respondent no. 3.

CORAM: J.N. PATEL &

A.A. SAYED, JJ.

DATE: 22ND OCTOBER, 2007.

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. Heard the learned Additional Solicitor General for respondent nos. 1 & 2. Our attention is drawn to the affidavit of respondent nos. 1 and 2 filed by V.K. Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Haj) in the Ministry of External Affairs. The affidavit clearly indicates that the Government of India has initiated the process to formulate a comprehensive policy in regard to

pilgrimages abroad by citizens of India and as this involves the complex issue requiring extensive consultation with different ministries and organisations and representatives of persons belonging to different religions and sects it will take some time for the Government of India to come up with a comprehensive enactment by way of a policy decision to benefit all concerned.

2. We accept this commitment made to the court on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs and in our view it is not necessary to issue any writ, order or direction as the State as well as the Government of India are conscious of their responsibility relating to the subject matter of the public interest litigation. Therefore, the public interest litigation stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

(J.N. Patel, J.)

(A.A. Sayed, J.)